

Outdoor Report

The week of February 9th, 2015



South Dakota



Wildlife Division

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- Caution is still needed due to the deteriorating ice, especially around ice heaves.
 - Northern pike spearing by properly licensed anglers is now allowed on all SD/MN border water lakes. See 2015 fishing handbook for details.
 - CSP Spring Turkey and Prairie Spring Turkey applications are due February 13th, 2015.
 - Lake Francis Case Paddlefish (snagging) application deadline is February 13th, 2015.
 - The 2015 light goose conservation order opens on February 14th – May 3rd, statewide. Pamphlets are now available at the GFP offices and license agents.
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Brown County



Fishing Report:

Richmond Lake: Anglers have been catching a few small walleye and the occasional bluegill. The ice conditions have improved, but there are still some weak ice areas by the west and north bridges. Anglers who have been fishing by the Youth Camp have had the best success.

Elm Lake: Anglers have been catching northern pike, perch, crappie and walleye. The fishing has been inconsistent. Most of the walleye being caught are less than 15 inches, so bring your measuring boards. Most fishermen have been fishing the south end of the lake.

James River: The fishing has been slow. Fishermen need to be careful as the ice is very weak in some areas. Some anglers have been fishing on the state line bridge and by Sand Lake.

Elm River: No fishing activity.



Hunting Report:

Coyotes: There are good numbers of coyotes in Brown County. Coyote hunting is a good way to pass the winter months, especially since all other hunting seasons have closed.

Clark County



Fishing Report:

Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching a few perch, walleye and northern pike. Fishermen should use caution around the ice heave on the north side of the lake.

Dry Lake #1: The perch and walleye bite has slowed down, but fishermen are still catching a few fish. Fishermen should use caution around the ice heave at the southwest portion of the lake.

Swan Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye towards evening.

Baileys Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye and perch.

Antelope Lake: Little activity.

Reid Lake: Fishermen are catching a few perch and small walleye.

Casey's Slough: Fishermen are catching walleye. The walleye are on the smaller side with a few nicer fish being caught.

Pepper Slough: Little activity.

Mankey's Slough: Fishermen are catching a few perch and walleye.

Indian Springs: Fishermen are catching a few nice walleye, perch and the occasional northern pike.

Cotton Wood: Fishermen are catching a few perch and northern pike.

Codington County



Fishing Report:

Pelican Lake: Fishing activity was very slow again this past week.

Lake Kampeska: Fishing has been pretty good on the north end of the lake by City Park. Fishermen are reporting a good catch in the evenings on perch and crappie.

Dry Lake: Anglers have had decent luck catching walleye on the road beds at night.

Goose Lake: Very slow activity this week with no fish being reported.

Long Lake: No angler reports.

Blythe Slough: Anglers reporting some perch, but the bite has been pretty slow.

Grass Lake: No angler reports.

3rd Ave Pond: Still offering good opportunity in and around town to catch bluegill, trout or sunfish.

Horseshoe: There are a few anglers trying their luck and picking up a few perch. The bite is slow.

Stink: A few small perch are being caught.

Day County



Fishing Report:

Anglers traveling on the ice need to use extreme caution when traveling near ice heaves, open water and near springs. Anglers are strongly urged to avoid these areas altogether.

Bitter: Fishing pressure was minimal with anglers struggling to catch many perch or walleye.

Waubay: Anglers pressure and success was down from last weekend. Most anglers are still using the Kanago boat ramp to access the lake.

Reetz: Anglers are catching some nice perch during daylight hours and a few nice walleye during the overnight hours. **Reminder: there is a 28 inch minimum on walleye with a daily limit of one.**

Lynn: Anglers are catching some nice walleyes in the overnight hours.

Enemy Swim: Anglers are catching a few bluegill, crappie and walleye.

Deuel County



Fishing Report:

Lake Alice: Fishing continues to be spotty. Anglers have found some success in the early mornings and evenings for walleye, but the bite has been very inconsistent. A good amount of perch are being caught, but most of the perch are less than 7 inches. There has been some nicer perch mixed in, but they are few and far between. Anglers continue to target the east shore. This is a good lake to do some northern pike spearing.

Lake Cochrane: Anglers are catching a good number of perch throughout the day. Most of the perch are on the smaller end, but they are picking up a few decent ones. There have been some crappies mixed in as well. The crappie bite has been best in the late afternoon into early evening.

Lake Oliver: No activity.

Lake Francis: A few anglers are catching some perch, but overall, the bite has been slow.

Lake Ketchum: Anglers are catching a lot of small perch.

Clear Lake: No activity.

Fish Lake: A few anglers are catching and/or spearing some pike.

School: Anglers are catching some northern pike in the shallow water.

Round: No activity.

Bullhead: Fishing has been slow.

Faulk County



Fishing Report:

Lake Faulkton: Fishing activity is slow.

Grant County



Fishing Report:

Big Stone Lake: The perch bite remains slow for the most part. The best bite has been the first hour of daylight and the last hour before sunset. Anglers continue to report marking large amounts of perch, but they just can't seem to get them to bite. For the most part, anglers are fishing along the entire stretch of lake. There have been a few reports of walleye being caught on the far north end, but that has been average at best from the sounds of it.

Summit Lake: No activity.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Lake Poinsett: Very slow activity at Poinsett the last week. Most people are fishing the southern part of the lake near the state park. The walleye bite has been minimal.

Reminder: [There is a 15" minimum length on walleye](#)

Fedt Slough: Pretty active bite on small perch.

Three Buck: The perch bite was quite active along with some walleye being caught.

Clear Lake (Thomas): Another slow week on Clear with no fish being reported.

Lake Norden: No fishing activity.

Lake Albert: Anglers have reported catching a few small walleye on Lake Albert.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

Opitz: A few walleye are being caught in the morning and evening, but overall, slow.

Cattail: Good walleye bite off the main lake points after dark.

Buffalo: A few northern are being caught along with a decent crappie and bluegill bite.

Piyas: Not a lot of angler activity, but fishing is decent.

Roy: A few northern pike are being caught, but overall, slow.

Clear: No activity.

White: Decent crappie bite in the morning and evening.

Stink: Decent walleye bite in the early morning and a good walleye bite in the evenings.

Stink Slough: A few good seized perch are being caught, but it's a very slow bite.

North and South Buffalo Lake: Decent walleye and northern bite in the morning and evening.

Clubhouse Slough: A few perch are being caught, but activity has slowed considerably over the last week.

South Red Iron: A few decent crappie and the occasional northern are being caught.

Cottonwood: Great northern bite along with the occasional walleye.

McPherson & Edmunds Counties



Fishing Report:

Scatterwood Lake: Fishing has slowed down with very little activity.

Mina Lake: Anglers are picking up a few perch and bluegill. Fishing is slow, but anglers are getting a few bites. Evenings are the best time.

Eureka Lake: Anglers are catching a few perch. Fishing is slow, but anglers fishing all day will end up with a few perch.



Hunting Report:

Coyotes: Hunters looking for coyotes will find plenty in this area. Most landowners will allow access to hunt coyotes.

Roberts County



Fishing Report:

Lake Traverse: Anglers are finding an occasional walleye and perch. A few white bass are also being caught.

Be careful of ice heaves, open water and other bad spots.

Dry Wood Lake: Anglers are finding a few walleye and perch, but the activity is very slow.

Spink County



Fishing Report:

Twin Lake: Anglers are catching small walleyes after sunset. Most of the walleyes being caught are less than 15 inches. People are driving on the ice again. The ice is around 16 inches thick. Access is still good.

Mud Lake: No fishing activity observed.

Cottonwood Lake: There has been very minimal fishing activity on the lake recently. The best access is off of Highway 26.

Redfield Lake: The walleye bite slowed down. There is minimal fishing activity.